GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE CADRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official language cadre has been formed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) as per the guidelines of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the number of officers included in the cadre and date from which they are holding their posts in the cadre;

(c) whether the council has adopted the same pay scales as prescribed by the Union Government for Hindi Officers/ Assistant Directors;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether promotional avenue similar to their counterparts in the Union Government are available to Hindi Officers in the Council;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether many Hindi Officers in the Council have retired from the service while holding same post;

(h) if so, the details of such officers and the reasons therefor; and

(i) the details of number of Hindi Officers promoted during the last three years and till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sanctioned strength in the cadre is as follows :-

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1. Assistant Director (Official Language) - 32
 Rs.6500-200-10500
2. Deputy Director (Official Language) - 02
 Rs.10000-325-15200
3. Director (Official Language)  - 01
 Rs.12000-375-16500
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Details of the officers holding the post is given in Annexure.

(c) Yes, Sir. However the pay scales for the Assistant Directors under Central Secretariat Official Language Service (CSOLS) have not been adopted for ICAR as this pay scale has not been approved for Hindi staff working in offices not participating in Central Secretariat Official Language Service (CSOLS) including subordinate offices.

(d) The proposal for granting the pay scales of Rs.7500-250-12000 in place of Rs.6500-200- 10500 to the Assistant Director (Official Language) in Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) at par with their counterparts belonging to the Central Secretariat Official Languages services (CSOLS) was not agreed to by the Ministry of Finance. The reasons for not extending the revised pay scales was that the higher scale of Rs.7500-250-12000 has been extended only to AD (Official Language) belonging to CSOLS and not elsewhere in the Central Government.

(e) & (f): ICAR has framed its own Recruitment Rules for the various posts in the Official Language cadres. As per the existing hierarchy in the cadre, Assistant Director (Official Language) of the ICAR system in the pay scale of Rs.6500-200-10500 are eligible to be considered for promotion to the post of Deputy Director (Official Language) in the pay scale of Rs.10000-325-15200 after having rendered atleast eight years regular service in the grade.

Deputy Director (Official Language) of the ICAR system in the pay scale of Rs.10000-325-15200 are eligible to be considered for promotion to the post of Director (Official Language) in the pay scale of Rs.12000-375-16500 after having rendered atleast five years

regular service in the grade.

(g) & (h): No, Sir. However only one Assistant Director (Official Language) of ICAR Hqrs. retired from the service holding the same post.

Dr B.P. Sharma, Assistant Director (Official Langague) who was granted the pay scale of Rs.10000-325-15200 under the Assured Career Progression Scheme retired from the Council on 30.06.2007.

Dr. Sharma`s name did not figure in the zone of consideration for the post of Deputy Director (Official Language) at the time of holding the DPC for filling up the post of Deputy Director (Official Language)

(i) Shri Shyam Lal Prasad, Assistant Director (Official Language) was promoted to the post of Deputy Director (Official Language) with effect from 7.06.2006.